

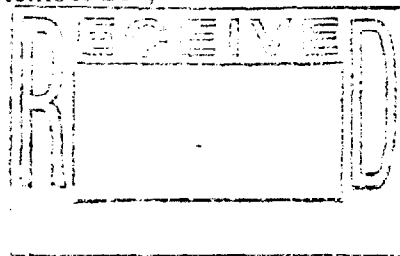


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Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
200 C Street, SW (HFS-450)
Washington, D.C. 20204



Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Basics /E-400 supplement under the DEI brand.

- Free radicals contribute to the amount of oxidative stress in the body.
- Vitamin E is a major fat-soluble antioxidant which protects cells from the by-products of oxidative stress.
- Vitamin E helps support immune function.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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Director of Nutrition Communications

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